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SERVICES CONFERENCE, MAY 20-23, 1975, MUNICH, GERMANY

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1. SUMMARY:

EXPERTS FROM FIFTEEN COUNTRIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS
MET FROM MAY 20-23 IN MUNICH TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION BY THEIR COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THE CONFERENCE
CONSISTED OF SEVERAL WORK SESSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
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HOSPITALS OF HARLACHING AND RECHTS DER ISAR, AND THE
HELICOPTERS OF THE GERMAN KATASTROPHENSCHUTZ. THE DELEGATES
RECOMMENDED THAT THE EMS PROJECT, NOW PREPARING A FINAL REPORT
FOR THE FALL 1975 CCMS PLENARY, CONTINUE AN EXPERT INTERNATIONAL

FORUM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THEY DESIGNATED THEMSELVES INTERIM CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF EMS INFORMATION AND AGREED TO MEET AT WASHINGTON IN 1976 AND MONTPELLIER IN 1977. THE UNITED STATES WAS DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF THE FORUM FOR 1975-76 AND FRANCE FOR 1976-77. AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PORTUGAL, ITALY, FRG, AND NORWAY WAS CREATED TO ASSIST THE CHAIRMAN. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. WILLIAM GEMMA (USA) OPENED THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EMS CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF DR. ROGER EGEBERG (USA), CHAIRMAN OF THE CCMS ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY. THE DELEGATES WERE ALSO WELCOMED BY DR. ZOELICK OF THE GERMAN MINISTRY FOR YOUTH, FAMILY, AND HEALTH, DR. STADTLER OF THE GERMAN AUTOMOBILE CLUB (ADAC), DR. HARTMANN ON BEHALF OF THE BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, AND DR. D'ANDREA OF ITALY AND DR. DO AMARAL OF PORTUGAL, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PILOT STUDY PROJECT.

3. THE MORNING SESSION OF MAY 20 WAS DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF LINKING AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH HOSPITALS. PROF. FREY OF THE FRG CHAIRED THE SESSION AND MR. MARTIN OF CANADA ACTED AS MODERATOR. EMS CONSISTS OF A "CHAIN OF SAVING LIVES" WHICH BEGINS WITH A LAYMAN AT THE SCENE OF A CRITICAL SITUATION, UNTIL THE PATIENT IS FINALLY DELIVERED TO AN ADEQUATE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT. CANADA, ITALY, DENMARK, FRANCE, UK, PORTUGAL, BELGIUM, AND THE US PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION OF LINKING AMBULANCES WITH HOSPITALS SO THAT THE PATIENT WILL BE UNDER THE CARE OF A PHYSICIAN ASAP, WHO WILL BE INFORMED OF HIS INJURIES OR ILLNESS. THIS ENABLES APPROPRIATE TREATMENT TO BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, AND PERMITS EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AT THE HOSPITAL TO BE INFORMED OF THE NATURE OF CARE NEEDED UPON ARRIVAL. MR. COIRIER OF FRANCE EXPLAINED THE SERVICE D'AIDE MEDICALE D'URGENCE (SAMU) SYSTEM, AND DR. FAGERLUND(NORWAY) THE MEDIX AND MEDREP SYSTEMS WHICH HIS COUNTRY IS DEVELOPING.

4. THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF MAY 20, CHAIRED BY DR. ZOELICK (FRG) AND MODERATED BY DR. DE BLOCK (BELGIUM), WAS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING. THE FRG, NORWAY, UNCLASSIFIED

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BELGIUM, UK, FRANCE, DEMNARK, GREECE, CANADA, US, PORTUGAL, ICELAND, AND ITALY PARTICIPATED. THE DELEGATES DESCRIBED THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THEIR COUNTRIES, WHICH IN ALL CASES RANGE FROM COURSES FOR THE LAYMAN WHO MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN A CRITICAL SITUATION, TO TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT) AND UNDER- AND POST-GRADUATE COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS. THEY ALL AGREED THAT THE USE OF MASS MEDIA WAS NECESSARY FOR WIDE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO THE LAYMAN. DR. LUKAS (UK) AND DR. FAGERLUND (NORWAY) STRESSED THE NEED TO SPEAK IN LAYMEN'S LANGUAGE, SO THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE HUMAN BODY AND AWARE THAT IT COULD TAKE USEFUL PRELIMINARY

LIFESAVING STEPS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF TRAINED PROFESSIONALS. THE EXPERTS STRONGLY REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR A SINGLE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER IN EACH COUNTRY, AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE USE OF A COIN OR TOKEN.

5. MAY 21 MORNING SESSION TOPIC WAS EMS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. THE CHAIRMAN WAS MR. COIRIER (FRANCE) AND THE MODERATOR, DR. FAGERLUND (NORWAY). DELEGATES FROM FRANCE, BELGIUM, UK, NORWAY, CANADA, ITALY, PORTUGAL, USA, LUXEMBOURG, DENMARK, ICELAND, AND FRG PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION. MR. COIRIER IDENTIFIED THE CENTRAL PROBLEM AS ONE OF COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL AVAILABLE MEANS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. TO THIS END, THE DELEGATES DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR ONE SINGLE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER FOR FIRE, POLICE, AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO A CENTER WHICH WOULD THEN SEPARATE THEM AND ROUTE THEM ON TO AUTHORITIES COMPETENT IN EACH FIELD. THIS IS ALREADY THE CASE IN MOST COUNTRIES. DR. GEMMA (USA) NOTED THAT THE DISPATCHER MUST BE SURE THAT HOSPITALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE WELL CHOSEN, SO THAT THE PATIENT IS TRANSPORTED TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE HOSPITAL, NOT NECESSARILY THE FNEAREST. THE DELEGATES DESCRIBED THE TYPES OF AMBULANCES IN USE IN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND AGREED THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES SHOULD BE STANDARDIZED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. DR. LUKAS (UK) NOTED THAT ALL AMBULANCES SHOULD BE EQUIPPED TO MAINTAIN RESPIRATION AND CIRCULATION OF THE PATIENT, TO RELIEVE PAIN, AND TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE, I.E. TO STABILIZE HIS CONDITION. DR. DE BLOCK (BELGIUM) ADDED THAT IT SHOULD HAVE EXTRICATION TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR SITUATION WHERE THE PATIENT IS TRAPPED AND MUST BE FREED BEFORE MEDICAL TREATMENT CAN BEGIN.

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MR. KUGLER (FRG) DESCRIBED GERMANY'S HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE; HIGH CRUISING SPEED AND LOW NOISE LEVELS ARE REQUIRED OF SUCH VEHICLES. DR. GEMMA (USA) DESCRIBED THE MAST PROGRAM OPERATING IN TWENTY-EIGHT STATES.

6. IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 21, DELEGATES VISITED HARLACHING HOSPITAL, WHERE DR. BURCKHARDT PRESENTED A PROGRAM ON THE GERMANY HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE, INCLUDING A LANDING OF A HELICOPTER RETURNING FROM MISSION AT THE HOSPITAL. DELEGATES ALSO VISITED THE RED CROSS CENTRAL DISPATCHING CENTER WHERE THEY HEARD OF MUNICH'S AMBULANCE SYSTEM AND SAW SEVERAL TYPES OF VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN USE.

7. IN THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION SESSION THE MORNING OF MAY 22, CHAIRED BY DR. GEMMA (USA) AND MODERATED BY DR. D'ANDREA (ITALY). DELEGATES AGAIN RANGED OVER THE WHOLE FIELD OF EMS TO EVALUATE WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND TO PLAN MOSTURGENT FUTURE RE-QUITEMENTS. ITALY, BELGIUM, UK, FRANCE, US, CANADA, DENMARK, AND SPAIN PARTICIPATED. DELEGATES AGREED WITH DR. GEMMA THAT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE ARE AVAILABLE, AND THAT THE PROBLEM IS STILL ONE OF DEVELOPING A METHODOLOGY FOR MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES. THEY THEREFORE REAFFIRMED THE NEED TO COMPLETE

THE EMS SURVEY DEVELOPED BY THE US AND AGREED TO SUBMIT IT TO DR. GEMMA BY AUGUST 1 FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT TO THE FALL CCMS PLENARY. DR. LUKAS (UK) STRESSED THE NEED TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT EMS WORKS AND IS COST EFFECTIVE. MR. COIRIER (FRANCE) NOTED THAT ALL DOCTORS MUST SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMS SYSTEMS, IF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IS TO BE INVOLVED. DR. STEPHENSON (DENMARK) CALLED FOR PRACTICAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH COULD BE ADAPTED TO VARIOUS NATIONAL CONDITIONS, AND WHICH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT. MR. COIRIER STRESSED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT ONE OF LACK OF MONEY, BUT OF CHANGING ATTITUDES AND OF RECHANNELING ENERGIES AND PRIORITIES.

8. IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 22, DELEGATES VISITED THE HOSPITAL RECHTS DER ISAR, WHERE THEY WITNESSED A ROOFTOP HELICOPTER LANDING AND TOURED THE EMERGENCY FACILITIES AND POISON IDENTIFICATION CENTER. ON MAY 22, THEY WERE ALSO GUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CITY OF MUNICH AND OF THE STATE OF BAVARIA. REPRESENTATIVES OF WHICH INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EMS, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN WHICH MUNICH AND BAVARIA HAVE BEEN PIONEERS.

9. FRIDAY, MAY 23, CONSISTED OF WORKING SESSIONS TO PREPARE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AS PART OF THE MORNING SESSION, IN WHICH THE UK, FRG, FRANCE, AND NORWAY RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION. THE DELEGATES DRAFTED CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF EMS SYSTEMS, AND ALSO RECOMMENDED A PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE WORK.

10. ALL DELEGATIONS STRONGLY AFFIRMED THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE WORK WHICH THE EXPERTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER CCMS AUSPICES AT SAN FRANCISCO, LISBON, ROME, AND MUNICH. AS THE EMS PROJECT ENTERS ITS FOLLOW-UP STAGE, THEY AGREED TO RECOMMEND AN EXPERT INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS A FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE. THEY AGREED TO BE INTERIM CONTACT PERSONS FOR EMS, UNTIL THEIR COUNTRIES DESIGNATE PERMANENT CONTACT PERSONS. THE CONTACT PERSONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTING EMS INFORMATION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PLAN FUTURE WORK WAS CREATED, COMPOSED OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE HOSTED OR PLAN TO HOST EMS MEETINGS: PORTUGAL, ITALY, FRG, AND NORWAY. A CHAIRMAN/COORDINATOR OF EMS INFORMATION WAS DESIGNATED AS HOST OF THE NEXT EMS MEETING. DELEGATES AGREED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON IN JULY, 1976 AND IN MONTPELLIER IN SEPTEMBER, 1977. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US AGREED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR 1975-76, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT FRANCE WILL BE THE 1976-77 CHAIRMAN. THE FORUM WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINK WITH AN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL HEALTH-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION. THE EXPERTS REITERATED THE VAST ADVANCES IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OTHERS PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS WHICH THE CCMS PILOT STUDY HAD MADE POSSIBLE, AND RESOLVED TO IMPRESS ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE WORK

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